Reviewer’s report

Title: Take the sex out of STI screening! Views of young women on implementing chlamydia screening in General Practice

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This paper explored young women’s attitudes towards the introduction of chlamydia screening in Australian general practice through a qualitative study. It is a fairly straightforward study with interesting results some of which validate earlier research findings. The questions are clearly articulated, results are well presented, although the conclusion seems to inflate the study findings.

This paper would benefit from addressing the following:

Abstract: The word “representative sample” is confusing given the context of the study. Conclusions need to be more focused on study findings rather than whether they were previously published or not.

Background: This section can benefit from adding a sentence on asymptotic nature of chlamydia for women and men.

Conclusions: The present study doesn’t support the conclusion that young women prefer female GPs for sexual health as the study participants were predominantly recruited by female GPs. Also the study has little evidence to claim that women will accept chlamydia screening if adequate education and support are provided. This needs a considerable rewrite.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None